

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7 and 8 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3 are rejected. Claims 4, 7 and 8 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over David et al (6,018,203), Piesinger (2004/0263147), and Kumegawa (JP 05-126881). This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of the claim.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over David et al (6,018,203), Piesinger (2004/0263147), and Kumegawa (JP 05-126881), as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Ellermeyer (3,555,290). This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of the claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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